

ATTACHMENT B
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a carbon material having a coating layer on the surface, said carbon material being used as material of a negative electrode of lithium secondary battery, said method comprising:

dipping a core graphite material having a mean interplanar spacing (d002) of (002) plane determined by X-ray wide angle diffraction of 0.335 to 0.340 nm into a coat-forming carbon material, the coat-forming carbon material being coal heavy oil or petroleum heavy oil selected from the group consisting of tar and pitch, both having a toluene insoluble matter of 7.8-34%,

separating the core graphite material from the coat-forming carbon material, and adding organic solvent or solvents toluene to the separated core graphite material which is subjected to washing, drying and calcination.

2. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein said dipping the core graphite material into the coat-forming carbon material comprises dipping the core graphite material into the coating-forming carbon material at 10-300° C.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein the separated core graphite material to which the organic solvent or solvents are toluene is added, is washed at 10-300° C.

4. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein the core graphite material is dipped into the coat-forming carbon material under reduced pressure.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein a ratio of solid matter and organic solvent or solvents during washing is 1:0.1-10 by weight.

9. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein a covering ratio (c) defined as weight ratio of coat-forming carbon material/(core graphite material + coat-forming carbon material is $0 < c \leq 0.3$.

10. (Original) The method for producing a coated carbon material according to claim 1, wherein the coat-forming material has primary QI at least part of which is removed to reduce a primary QI content of 3% or less.

11-16. (Canceled)